WEEKLY REPORT

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ASRS News

July Board of Trustees meeting coming to Flagstaff!

In a continuing effort to reach out to members and employer partners, the Arizona State Retirement System Board of Trustees will conduct its July Board Meeting in Flagstaff, and is encouraging members, retirees and employer representatives to attend.

The meeting will take place on Friday, **July 16 at 9:30 a.m.**, on the campus of Northern Arizona University. The meeting will focus on updates of various ASRS programs and benefits.

The meeting will take place at the Facility Services Confrence Room A, 575 Pine Knoll Drive, on the southwest portion of the NAU campus.

"It's important for us to be in touch with our members – our active members, retirees and our employer partners – to see what concerns they may have," ASRS Director Paul Matson said. "We wanted to take the opportunity to host a meeting in northern Arizona to make it more convenient for our members in that region of the state to come and meet with us."

Mr. Matson will share his vision of the agency and discuss the agency's key initiatives for the future. The ASRS Board will also have a section of the agenda devoted to public comment.

"We hope our friends in northern Arizona have a chance to come out and see us as we plan for our future together," Mr. Matson said.

ASRS Board agendas, meeting schedules and minutes are available on the website at www.asrs.state.az.us

Board & Committee Meetings

- ➤ **ASRS Board of Trustees** Friday, July 16, 9:30 a.m., in Flagstaff at the Facility Service Conference Room A, 575 Pine Knoll Drive, on the NAU campus.
- ➤ Operations Review Committee Thursday, July 22, 10:30 p.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14th floor conference room.
- External Affairs Review Committee Friday, Aug. 6, 10 a.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14th floor conference room.
- ➤ **Investment Review Committee** Tuesday, August 3, 5:30 p.m., ASRS Phoenix office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 14th floor conference room.

Note: All Board & Committee meetings are open to the public and your attendance is encouraged. Schedules, agendas and minutes of our meetings are posted on our website and are available at our Phoenix and Tucson offices.

Employer Conferences

The Arizona State Retirement System is presenting the annual Employer Conference with sessions beginning this month and continuing through mid-September. The meetings are for representatives from employer benefits, human resource and payroll departments and individuals who provide administrative support.

All meetings will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and will cover such topics as implications of new legislation, including changes to the Service Purchase and Employer Retirement Incentive programs; contribution accounting; security and the internet and automation of ACH payments; military call up; termination pay; Long Term Disability program changes; eligibility requirements; the ASRS retiree health insurance program, including new carrier information; updated forms, and new employer staff training workshop information.

Below is a list of meeting dates and locations. Due to limited space, reservations are required. Please RSVP at least three weeks prior to the meeting date. Include in your RSVP email the employer name, attendee names and titles, phone numbers, date and location. Please send your RSVP to: michellef@asrs.state.az.us, or, for more information contact:

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2004 ASRS Employer Conference Schedule

Phoenix – July 13 (full), 22, 27; August 3, 5, 17; September 9 ASRS Office, 3300 N. Central Ave., 10th floor

Tucson – July 15 (full) & August 19 ASRS Office, 7660 E. Broadway Blvd. Suite 101

Flagstaff – August 11

Coconino County Board of Supervisors building, 219 E. Cherry Road

Holbrook – August 12

Northland Pioneer College Painted Desert Campus, 993 E. Hermosa Drive, Rm. LC142

Show Low – August 13

Northland Pioneer College, White Mountain Campus Symposium Room, 1001 W. Deuce of Clubs

Globe - August 30

Gila County Board of Supervisors Room, 1400 E. Ash St.

Sierra Vista – August 31

Police Dept, 911 N Coronado Drive

Safford - September 1

Graham County Board of Supervisors Room, 921 Thatcher Blvd.

Prescott/Chino Valley - September 14

Yavapai College, Performance Hall Green Room, 1100 E. Sheldon

Kingman – September 15

Kingman School District Conference Room, 3033 MacDonald Ave.

Yuma – September 16

City of Yuma Conference Room 190, One City Plaza.